

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

CEQA #7496

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Replacement water well and electrical service upgrade **COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

PROJECT LOCATION: Big Basin Redwoods State Park – Rancho del Oso

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Replace an existing sub-standard well to serve the Sempervirens Nature Center and two residences, in order to meet California Department of Health Services regulations for drinking water. Replacement well will require installation of approximately 600 ft. of new waterline and electrical power line to be sited beneath an existing unimproved road. Electrical service will be upgraded allowing for the potential conversion of an existing storage barn to a workshop area. Improvements will connect to an existing water distribution system and storage tanks. Vegetative screening will be provided for the well head, control panel, and electrical service.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

X Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the replacement of an existing public facility (water well) involving negligible expansion of use and included as "utility upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR Section 15300.4.

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